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Liu et al.	:	
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Filed: March 18, 2004	:	Attorney Docket No.: 2003-0013/N1085-00170
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Title: Flash Memory Cell And Methods For Fabricating Same	:	Date: June 15, 2005
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 18, 2005, in the above-captioned application, wherein claims 1-29 stand subject to a restriction or election requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121. In support of the requirement, the Examiner states that the application contains two (2) inventions:

Invention I: claims 18-29, drawn to a method, classified in class
438, subclass 275; and

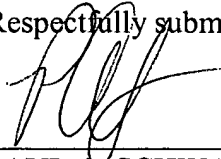
Invention II: claims 1-17, drawn to a device, classified in class
257, subclass 315.

The Examiner contends that the inventions are distinct, each from the other, because “[i]n the instance case, the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process such as one in which the trench is filled with material such that the etching step is not needed.”

The Applicant elects, without traverse, invention I, claims 18-29, drawn to the method, for prosecution on the merits.

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